

Wheat Ridge's Annual Business of the Year Award.

Poor Boy Rods is an example of what makes Wheat Ridge great. The team at Poor Boy Rods earned the Business of the Year award because of their outstanding performance and contribution to our community. Poor Boy Rods is known for fixing up classic cars and helping to restore them to their former glory. Preserving such classic symbols of Americana is important and will allow future generations to enjoy these vehicles just as much as the generations before us. Located in Wheat Ridge, the work done by Poor Boy Rods can be seen on roads throughout our beautiful community and state.

Congratulations to Poor Boy Rods for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

HONORING EUGENE GUTIERREZ

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Eugene Gutierrez of Edinburg, Texas for his incredible commitment to the community of South Texas, his service for our country, and to celebrate his 100th birthday.

Mr. Gutierrez was born on September 14, 1921 and grew up in South Texas. He attended Harlingen High School and, after graduation, enlisted in the United States Army to pursue a career in engineering. However, after Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Mr. Gutierrez's military career took a quick turn.

Mr. Gutierrez began rigorous training with the First Special Service Force, an elite group of 1,800 troops from both American and Canadian armies at Fort William Henry Harrison in Montana. They were later dubbed as "the Devil's Brigade" by German opposition, in July of 1942. During his time fighting in World War II, Mr. Gutierrez was honored with numerous awards, including: two Bronze Stars, one for valor and the other for infantry combat, a Liberation of France medal, a Good Conduct medal, a World War Two Victory medal, a First Special Service Force medal, and the Congressional Gold medal.

Upon returning home from the war, Mr. Gutierrez went on to pursue a degree from Oklahoma State University and graduated in 1950. He then settled in McAllen, Texas where he served as an educator, principal, and superintendent at McAllen Independent School District for 30 years until he retired in 1980. Mr. Gutierrez continues to serve as an active member of the McAllen community through his work in the Sierra Club and as a parishioner at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to acknowledge the countless achievements of Eugene Gutierrez. He dedicated his life to the betterment of his community and his legacy will no doubt inspire future generations to do the same. His military service, devotion to the community, and general love for life is admirable. I thank Mr. Gutierrez, and wish him a happy 100th birthday.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT MARTIAL ARTS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Personal Achievement Martial Arts of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for receiving the City of Wheat Ridge's 17th Annual Business of the Year Award.

Led by a persevering team, Personal Achievement Martial Arts was able to have an impactful year of education and training for local youth in the field of martial arts, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. They offer a wide array of programs spanning from preschool-aged children all the way up to adulthood. Personal Achievement Martial Arts strives to make an inclusive environment for every one of their students, and pass on their skills of self-defense on to eager learners.

Congratulations to Personal Achievement Martial Arts for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

RECOGNIZING THE 234TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 234th anniversary of the United States Constitution, and to commend the Daughters of the American Revolution for their diligence in promoting this period of civic education known as Constitution Week.

The United States Constitution is more than just an outline for good governance. It is a product of the greatest minds of its time. It stands as a written testament to our values as a nation; and, while many countries around the world have a constitution that establishes and organizes their government, our Constitution is different. Its predominate purpose is to limit the power of the federal government, and it encapsulates the most sacred of American values: that our government is, and will always be, accountable to the American people.

I am reminded that our nation's formative years were not without internal strife. Much like today, our founders were at a crossroad, and many wondered what form of government our fledgling nation would take. On September 17, 1787, crowds gathered outside Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where the Constitutional Convention had convened to decide the future of the country. As the delegates left the Hall that day, someone called out from the crowd, asking what kind of government we would have. Among the men leaving the building was Benjamin Franklin, one of the most esteemed figures in our nation's founding. There, on the steps of Independence Hall, Mr. Franklin turned to face the inquiring voice and replied, "A Republic, if you can keep it."

Today we find our country again at a crossroad. We must decide whether to maintain our foundational principles, or to tread down the path of authoritarianism. We can choose to

hold fast to the values enshrined in our Constitution, or to ignore them and risk losing our Republic. I am confident that our Constitutional values and obligations will prevail in time. Through divine providence and the tireless efforts of organizations like the Daughters of the American Revolution, our obligation to the people has already survived over two centuries, and will not easily be abandoned.

On behalf of the 11th Congressional District of Georgia, and the United States House of Representatives, I earnestly commend the Daughters of the American Revolution for their efforts in preserving the legacy of our founders, and the values enshrined in our United States Constitution.

VICKIE CORDER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vickie Corder of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2021 Special Recognition City Award.

The Special Recognition City Award is given to a person or organization in Wheat Ridge who exemplifies outstanding service, leadership, and participation in the community. Vickie's bakery, Grammy's Goodies, has been a staple in Wheat Ridge for years, and has brought smiles to guests' faces for as long as they have been open. The COVID-19 pandemic presented many challenges for and the local bakery but Vickie continued to serve local residents, even providing meals for front-line workers during some of the worst days of the pandemic.

Congratulations to Vickie Corder of Grammy's Goodies for her contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE RICHARD DINGLE AMERICAN LEGION POST 98

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of the Richard Dingle American Legion Post 98 in Saint Paul Park, Minnesota. Just as it has since 1921, Post 98 welcomes veterans into its membership ranks from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Members are committed to fulfilling the Post 98 mission of implementing the goals, aspirations, dreams, peace, and blessings for their country, friends, and families.

On August 20, 1919, seventeen local veterans gathered in Saint Paul Park to apply for a temporary charter in the American Legion, the fledgling national Veteran's Service Organization which at the time was just one year old. Two years later, on July 2, 1921, Post 98 applied for a permanent charter for the Richard Dingle American Legion Post 98 in honor